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## APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A PICTURE WITHIN A PICTURE DISPLAY DEVICE

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus and method for providing control of a picture within a picture display device having at least two windows that receive input from two different computers. The present invention permits a user to use input devices from one of these computers to control cursor movements in all windows. Moreover, the present invention allows data and images to be cut and pasted between the windows. The apparatus of the present invention includes a PWP control module that resides on each of the computers connected to the PWP display device. The PWP control device provides cursor control on the PWP display device and communicates cursor movements to the appropriate computer, depending on the cursor location. Moreover, the PWP control module includes a buffer for storing cut and paste data such that a common buffer is used to store cut and paste data from each computer. The method of the present invention includes using an input device connected to one of the computers to move the cursor, determining at which window the cursor is located, and sending a movement signal from the input device to the window at which the cursor is located.